

# GOP Education Report Card: *1999 Accomplishments*

Accomplishment	Grade
<b>Academic Achievement for all Act (Straight A's)</b> 10-state pilot program that will allow parents, teachers, and local school leaders – not the federal bureaucracy – to make decisions on how to spend education dollars to best meet the needs of their students. <i>(H.R. 2300 passed House in October, awaiting Senate action)</i>	<b>A+</b>
<b>Teacher Empowerment Act</b> Gives local school districts more flexibility in using funds for teacher training and development in exchange for demonstrating to parents teacher quality and improved student performance, and encourages state & local initiatives like teacher testing and tenure reform. <i>(H.R. 1995 passed House in July, awaits Senate action)</i>	<b>A+</b>
<b>Education Savings Accounts</b> The Taxpayer Refund and Relief Act would have raised the annual limit on tax-free contributions to ESA's from \$500 to \$2,000. This would have helped parents pay for education expenses such as tuition, tutoring, books and computers for their kids. <i>(H.R. 2488 conference report passed in September, vetoed by President)</i>	<b>A+</b>
<b>Student Results Act</b> Helps students in failing & disadvantaged schools by implementing reforms such as public school choice, new teacher quality standards in Title I schools, more accountability, and rewarding school performance, while increasing funding for Title I. <i>(H.R. 2 passed House in October as part of ESEA, awaiting Senate action)</i>	<b>A+</b>
<b>Education Flexibility Partnership Act (Ed-Flex)</b> Expands 12-state pilot program to apply to all 50 states. Allows states and school districts freedom from certain federal mandates in exchange for proven results. <i>(H.R. 800 conference report passed and signed into law in April)</i>	<b>A+</b>
<b>Dollars to the Classroom</b> Republicans believe that 95% of federal education dollars should go directly to the classroom where decisions on how they are spent are made by people who know our children's names and educational needs – not by the Washington bureaucracy. <i>(H. Res. 336 passed House in October)</i>	<b>A+</b>